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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 24, 2003 OFFICE
ACTION WITH PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

An Office Action was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 24, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 24, 2003 Office Action was originally due May 24, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, from May 24, 2003 to August 24, 2003. The fee for a three-month extension of time is NINE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$930.00) and a check covering this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, a response to the February 24, 2003 Office Action is now due August 24, 2003. However, since August 24, 2003 falls on a Sunday, the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, i.e. August 25, 2003, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Consequently, this amendment is being timely filed.